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Special Section



Study shows population increases

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Population estimates released by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) indicate Romulus is increasing the number homes and residents in the city despite a difficult job market, a lukewarm real estate climate and a lagging state economy.

According to the study, Romulus has increased population by 9.5 percent since 2000, a year before the Sept. 11 attacks. The numbers indicate that the city had 22,979 residents and 8,439 households in 2000, versus 24,274 residents and 9,237 households in 2006.

The study, which is released each year, shows a general upward trend during the past six years in population and households, which

is good news to a city that has struggled for many years, said Councilman William Crova.

"We didn't have any residential development here for about 15 years," he said. "But western Wayne County is seeing an upsurge - Canton Township is exploding, Huron Township has a lot of building, so does Brownstown Township. It's just coming our way."

The increases also buck a trend seen in the whole county, which is struggling with population losses that are tied to the loss of 186,000 manufacturing jobs, and the continuing decline of the U.S. automobile industry. According to the study, Wayne County lost the most residents and households of the five counties that make up the Southeast Michigan region.

Aggressive residential develop-

Population numbers at a glance

	Population	Households
2000	22,979	8,439
2001	23,314	N/A
2002	23,536	8,717
2003	23,736	8,836
2004	23,468	9,503
2005	23,776	9,730
2006	24,274	9,237

*Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG)

ment is in part the reason for the increase in numbers, Crova said.

"We had to be more aggressive if we wanted any commercial

development," he said.

Currently, there are about 1,500

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Flag presented to new fire station

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Rotary clubs raise funds for well project

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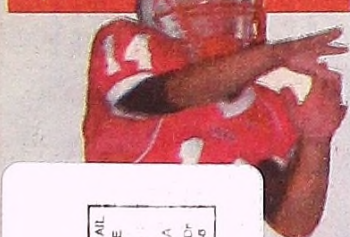
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Man of the Year has some political bite

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Giving back

The Cory Elementary School "Serv-A-Thon" moved full steam ahead last week when students volunteered their time to complete many tasks. The Serv-A-Thon is designed to teach students the power of volunteering within their communities. Students who participate earn points for each task successfully completed. Most students participate in beautification projects, including Ennix Franklin and McKayla Coplen (above) who planted bulbs at the Cory playground.

Schools report on grant progress

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Staff Writer

The Romulus Community Schools will receive a Comprehensive Schools Grant for a third and final year.

The grant funds, which are awarded by the U.S. Department of Education, are awarded to schools that can demonstrate a need for improved technology, and can also show that those improvements will aid children in learning.

To date, Romulus Community Schools has received more than \$2.16 million in grant funds, said Barb Knight, the grant coordinator for Merriman Elementary School.

"The Romulus Schools have received more than 15,000 hours of professional development," as a result of the funds, she said.

More than just adding new computers to classrooms, the schools reform grant encourages educators to implement technology that will allow them to better assess student progress. To meet that goal, the schools partnered with Compass Learning Systems,

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Belleville official offers resignation

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Belleville officials have taken the first step to correct an incomplete 2004-2005 city audit.

At the city council meeting Monday, officials approved phase one of an agreement

with the city auditors—Plante & Moran—for accounting services to start immediately.

"We're trying to finish it up because it hasn't really progressed," said auditor Mike Swartz. "It's time to do something different than you have done."

City Manager Steve Walters

said the auditors will discuss a strategy to get the city back on track while they continue to work without a treasurer. In the meantime, Sean Bellingham, deputy-treasurer of Van Buren Township, has agreed to provide limited

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Local officials question merits of Proposal 5

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Some community officials are concerned that Proposal 5 may help Michigan school districts at the cost of everyone else.

The education ballot initiative would require the State of Michigan to provide annual funding increases at the rate of inflation to local public K-12 schools, intermediate school districts, community colleges and higher education institutions.

It would also require the state to fund any deficiencies in the school aid fund from the general fund; allow base funding for school districts with declining enrollment to use a three year average; cap retirement fund contribution for public schools, community colleges and universities and require the state to pay the remaining portion.

"I understand why K-12 supporters want to see this proposal happen, but I'm concerned with the finite pool of money," said Cindy King, supervisor of Van Buren Township. "It could mean less funding for local government and that's obviously a concern."

Township officials aren't the

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and I think that's a mistake.*

Sen. Bruce Patterson

only ones worried.

State Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton) said investing in education is important, but the proposal would hurt cities and townships.

"This will kiss state shared revenue goodbye and I think that's a mistake," he said. "Education is a hot button issue, but it has enough merit to stand on its own. This is asking to give up everything else, like roads, police, corrections and Medicaid funding. Part of our task is to sell the quality of life in Michigan."

Patterson said 40 percent of the state budget is already spent directly on education. He said that would hinder legislatures.

"It's the job of the legislature to exercise discretion and collaborate with the executive branch to determine the right amount of funding," said Patterson.

Proposal 5 would also reduce the funding gap between school districts that receive lower per pupil foundation than others. If approved, it would take effect during the 2006-2007 school year.

Districts like the Van Buren Public Schools would reap the benefits of improving their financial situation, according to Nick Armelagos, director of business for the school district.

"We know if this passes it will send us from being in a deficit position," he said. "It's a prediction of the future, but it guarantees that foundation allowance would increase by the rate of inflation."

"Another key part is capping the retirement rate. Now, Van Buren is paying 17.74 percent and with the proposal passing it would kick back to 14.87 percent. Retirement costs are a huge part

of our budget," he added.

Since about 90 percent of the school district's budget is labor, holding the retirement rate steady would mean about \$1 million in savings in a year, Armelagos said.

"On top of that we're getting a foundation allowance increase that would give us an additional \$1.5 million," he said. "For Van Buren this proposal is a positive."

Proposal 5 provides guaranteed funding for various levels of education regardless of the state's fiscal condition. However, the annual inflationary increase may require reductions to other programs financed by the general fund, such as health care, corrections and assistance to the poor, especially if state revenues fail to grow with inflation.

King said it's not a matter of supporting schools and public education, but the potential loss to other governmental funding.

"I feel we've taken our fair share of hits already so it is a matter of fairness," she said. "If the taxes collected in the state improve then maybe it's not a bad thing, but it could come at the expense of others and local

government state shared revenue could be one of those things."

Armelagos agreed that even though he's in support of Proposal 5, he's not certain how communities will be affected or if the state can even afford this.

"It's good for the schools, but as a citizen you have to look at the big picture," Armelagos said. "There will either have to be an increase in revenue, an increase in sales tax revenue or cuts in spending somewhere else."

Belleville Arts Council to host lectures

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts will host a community enrichment series during November.

The free lectures will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 2, 9 and 16 at the Belleville Area Museum. The events will explore the rich cultural heritage of Wayne County through lecture and slide presentations. The theme is "Gems of Detroit" with speakers Marcy Heller Fisher, Nick Reszetar and Janet Anderson.

On Nov. 2, the topic will be "Michigan Adorned: The Architectural Legacy of the Pewabic Pottery." Fischer will present a visual feast of historic and contemporary Pewabic tile installations that grace some of the most important edifices in Michigan. She will also discuss the evolving philosophy of art as a public value, the arts and crafts movement, the Great Depression, the New Deal and World War II and today and its current structure as a non-profit educational and cultural institution.

The Nov. 9 topic will be "Decaying Décor: Detroit's Michigan Central Railroad Station." Through his photographs and research, Reszetar will give detailed history with an in-

depth look at aesthetic aspects of the continuing decline of Detroit's greatest ruins. It will include the tactile details of melting, hand-made plaster ornaments, the gritty dis-layering of limestone carvings and the heartbreak of smashed and faded marble. It will also include Reszetar's photographs, the sheer beauty of lost craftsmanship, the heavy cost of urban disinvestments on our culture's psyche and the reasons we should take notice of this building before it is gone.

On Nov. 16, the lecture will be "Belle Isle: Island in the City." Anderson—a lifelong Detroit resident and professed urbanist—will talk about her book on the history and art of Belle Isle. Her grandfather was the first curator of the Belle Isle Zoo and other members of her family were involved in the Friends of Belle Isle. Anderson has a Ph. D. in policy analysis and is also an athlete, poet and choir member. She works for the City of Detroit in the budget department and as a part-time teacher at Wayne State University.

After each event refreshments will be

served, too. For more information, contact the museum at (734) 697-1944.

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Important visitor

Martin Luther King III traveled throughout Detroit this week to learn more about the metro area and speak with several churches and non-profit groups. Here, King (far left) is shown at an appearance in Romulus with the Rev. Richard P. Wilson and his wife, Tammy. King is the oldest son of the late civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

News in brief

Flu shots offered

Residents in need of a flu shot will be able to obtain one at any of the flu vaccination clinics hosted by Oakwood Healthcare System from Oct. 22 through 28. Adults and children who meet certain health criteria will be able to obtain a shot.

The clinic dates, times and locations are as follows:

- Oct. 22 from 2-5 p.m. at Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center, 18101 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn;
- Oct. 22 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 600 N. Brady, Dearborn;
- Oct. 24 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Ford Senior Center, 6750 Troy, Taylor;
- Oct. 24 from 2-5 p.m. at Oakwood Heritage Hospital, 10000 Telegraph Road, Taylor;
- Oct. 25 from 9 a.m. to noon at Plymouth Independent Village, 14707 Northville Road, Plymouth;
- Oct. 25 from 5-8 p.m. at Western Wayne Family Health Center, 2500 Hamlin Blvd., Inkster;
- Oct. 26 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Flat Rock Senior Expo, One Maguire St., Flat Rock
- Oct. 26 from 9 a.m. to noon at Leo Paluch Hall, 17000 Champaign, Allen Park.

YWCA needs help

The YWCA of Western Wayne County, which is headquartered in Inkster, is looking for helping hands to volunteer at various locations throughout the county.

Volunteers are needed to assist permanent staff in a variety of roles, including office and clerical, after-school programs, building projects and communications and marketing.

The group is also seeking someone with special skills, such as web design or graphic arts.

"Volunteers are such an important part of this organization, and their hard work helps keep it running smoothly," said Karen Murphy, chief executive officer of the YWCA.

For more information about volunteering, contact Tabatha Manuel at the YWCA by phone at (313) 561.4110 ex. 20, or by e-mail at tmanuel@ywca-wwc.org.

To submit an event for the calendar, please send an email to mtippen@journal-group.com.

Audit

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assistance to keep current matters up to date and also be available to the auditors for questions, he said.

The first phase will include assessing the books and records, as well as researching the remaining issues related to the

June 30, 2005 financial statement audit and monthly activity for the June 30, 2006 fiscal year.

Next, accounting work to complete both the 2005 and 2006 fiscal years will be done. It will include monthly accounting services, then getting the 2006-2007 fiscal year records current along with keeping them current, according to Plante & Moran representatives.

City officials have been concerned with

the unfinished audit, as well as bills not getting paid on time and the lack of a city treasurer.

"I'm currently looking for opportunities to consolidate costs, but nothing I can say specifically yet," said Councilmember Walter Mears.

Auditors will assume duties until the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007. A special meeting could take place on Oct. 30 if the audit update is complete, officials said.

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which helped them implement a computer program called the Integrated Learning System. This system also teaches teachers to specifically identify what a student may not understand before moving forward.

This allows instructors to address any problems before a student becomes overwhelmed, said Dawn Sims, the schools reform coordinator at Halecreek Elementary.

"The special server allows teachers to monitor each student's progress. If the teacher notices that several students are having difficulties with the same type of problem, the teacher can freeze all student screens and give instructive explanation on individual computers or a large drop down screen," she said.

The comprehensive schools reform grant dollars are being utilized at all elementary school buildings and at Romulus Middle School. Each school has been equipped with 35 computers, which are set up in dedicated computer laboratories.

Keeping a handle on student progress is more important than ever before. Because of

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Teachers can see the percentage of incorrect answers to questions and design lessons that will help future student performance.

Molly McGlynn

changes put into place by the federal No Child Left Behind Act, improvement in student performance must be improved by 10 percent each year in math, writing, reading, science and social studies.

Molly McGlynn, the program coordinator at Romulus Middle School, said the Integrated Learning System aids in meeting that goal.

"Another way teachers can use technology to improve instruction is by examining students results on standard tests such as the MEAP (Michigan Education Assessment Program) and our local pre-and post-tests," she said. "Teachers can see the percentage of incorrect answers to questions and design lessons that will help future student performance."

Implementing the program at Wick and Merriman elementary schools has had an

added side effect, Knight said. The facilities, which host after-school activities in conjunction with the Boys and Girls Clubs, utilize the computers for educational activities while students wait to be picked up from school.

The Comprehensive School Reform grant program was set up by the U.S. Department of Education to help schools make inroads in terms of technology usage. It was signed into law as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

Appropriations for the program were cut for 2006 because of budget constraints, but \$145 million was set aside for 2006, according to the department. In 2005, \$205 million was appropriated.

More than 1,800 schools in the United States have collected grant funding since the program began.

Population

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homes under development or slated for development in the city. Homes are still under construction at the Gateway development, which will eventually boast more than 1,000 single-family homes, duplexes and fourplexes. The proposed Wellesley Park, a collection of 49 condominiums, is also moving forward on Merriman and Wayne roads. Developer Elro Corp. has also received approval to build Legacy Park, a collection of 92 single-family homes at the corner of Tyler and Cogswell roads.

The number of rooftops – not necessarily the general population – is of importance because a high level of residential development can drive an equal amount of commercial develop-

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Tanger Malls came here several years ago and wanted to build a shopping center at the corner of I-94 and Vining Road, but after they did their study, they decided there just weren't enough residents and dropped out.

Councilman William Crova

ment, which would increase the city tax base.

Commercial entities – especially retail outlets – want to know that enough people live in a given area that could be potential shoppers before they invest in building a store. Technology and service companies also prefer to know there is ready labor pool of residents before they consider opening up shop in a community.

"Tanger Malls came here several years ago

and wanted to build a shopping center at the corner of I-94 and Vining Road, but after they did their study, they decided there just weren't enough residents and dropped out," Crova said.

The study is based on data obtained by SEMCOG, and information obtained from the U.S. Census. To view the report, visit www.sem-cog.org, and click on the "population estimates" link.

In due course

Senior citizens to receive high school diplomas

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Fred Warblow, 81, and Darrel Ibach, 71, have accomplished a lot in their lives. And now, they can add one more achievement to that long list.

They will receive their high school diplomas

This year both Warblow and Ibach get to walk in the Belleville High School graduation ceremony at Eastern Michigan University.

Ibach said it would have never happened without the help of his son, Darrel Jr.

"When he heard I never received my high school diploma, Darrel wrote a letter to the school district and got things into action," said Ibach. "It always bothered me because I came so close to graduating, but never got that diploma."

Ibach should have graduated with the class of 1954, but decided to drop out just three weeks before graduation. He attempted to go into the military, but couldn't fulfill the medical requirements. Instead, Ibach choose a route in the automotive area where he owned D & R gas station in Romulus, D&R Auto Parts in Belleville and then Pro-Tech Auto Auction.

"I was busy working hard and trying to be successful," Ibach said. "I did have the proper amount of credits to graduate, though."

Warblow, who attended Belleville High

School from 1940-1943, also had the graduation help from one of his children: his daughter Joy.

"She called the superintendent and set everything up and because I'm a veteran. I will be the first World War II veteran to receive this kind of diploma from Belleville High School," Warblow said.

Warblow was born and raised in Belleville, but instead of graduating on time, he joined the military. He was drafted into the Marines at 18 and served in New Guinea, New Britain, Palau Islands and Ryubyu Islands.

In 1946, he came back to Belleville and worked for Ford Motor Co. for the following 42 years.

Warblow said he doesn't feel any different about receiving his diploma now, but he will be walking next to one of his granddaughters, Nicole Higgins.

Ibach said it feels great to finally receive his diploma.

"All my kids have their college diplomas and some of my grandkids are working on theirs," he said.

Both the graduates spouses said they were happy to see this day come.

"I'm really pleased to see him get this," said Norma Ibach. "I have mine and so do our three children so now Darrel makes it complete."

"I'm proud of him," said Joyce Warblow.

"After all he should get some recognition for all the battles he's been in without getting one scratch on him."



Fred Warblow, 81, and Darrel Ibach, 71, will receive their Belleville High School diploma with the graduating Class of 2007.

What is the best piece of advice you can give graduates?

Darrel Ibach: To further their education, concentrate on having good lives and set good examples for others.

Fred Warblow: Besides everything he said, that family is important too.

What are your hobbies?

Ibach: golfing and racing cars.
Warblow: gardening and golfing.

What is your favorite kind of music?

Ibach: country, Johnny Cash and Elvis.

Warblow: country.

What is your favorite TV show?

Ibach: Deal or No Deal.
Warblow: The Price is Right and Wheel of Fortune.

What are you most proud of?

Both: My family, children and grandchildren.

My childhood dream was to be?

Ibach: To be a pilot.
Warblow: To be a farmer.

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OPINION

Patterson earns second term

State Sen. Bruce Patterson is not always popular with those with whom he works.

He's a big guy, intimidating and blustery, and can be a bit overbearing. He's proved that in both the House of Representatives and the Michigan Senate.

He's proved something else, too: he's effective. For that reason, we think he's earned a second term in the senate.

Patterson has developed a solid working relationship with the communities he's served during his first four years in the chamber. That's impressive enough, given the vast expanse of the district and the diversity of the municipalities that make it up.

He's also amassed a wealth of knowledge on a number of topics that face the state currently, and in the future. He's been on the forefront of developing a long-range energy plan, not just because it's a politically apropos thing to say in this day and age, but because it makes sense on a number of levels. He was thinking about it before gas hit \$3 a gallon, too.

Patterson is not afraid to take what some may see as an unpopular stance on fell-good legislation, either. His opposition to Proposal 5, the school funding mandate, may not earn him many teacher votes, but it's the right stance to take.

Patterson has acknowledged his own reputation as a bully, a label his opponents have tacked on to him. "I didn't come here to grin and giggle," he said. Maybe not, but we hope he also didn't go to Lansing to belittle and shout, either.

His competitor, Mark Slavens, is the vice-president of the Plymouth-Canton Community School Board. He plays a solid role there, and hope he continues his involvement. The 7th Senate District, though, is not a place for an entry-level politician, though.

As for Patterson's 'robust' personality? Well, it's a bit of a flaw. The way we see it, though, it can be an asset or a detriment, depending on whether he's fighting for you or against you. We think he's done a good job of fighting for the residents of the 7th Senate District and has earned his right to continue.

Vote for **Bruce Patterson** on Nov. 7.

Abbo is choice for House

After the contentiousness that surrounded the early portion of the State House race in the 20th District, it's nice that the campaign has settled into a regular routine.

That campaign has left voters in Northville, Plymouth, Wayne and a portion of Canton Township two solid candidates to choose from in Marc Corriveau, a Northville attorney who ran for the spot two years ago, and **Mark Abbo**, the current supervisor of Northville Township.

Both candidates have their strengths, but we think Abbo is the stronger of the two.

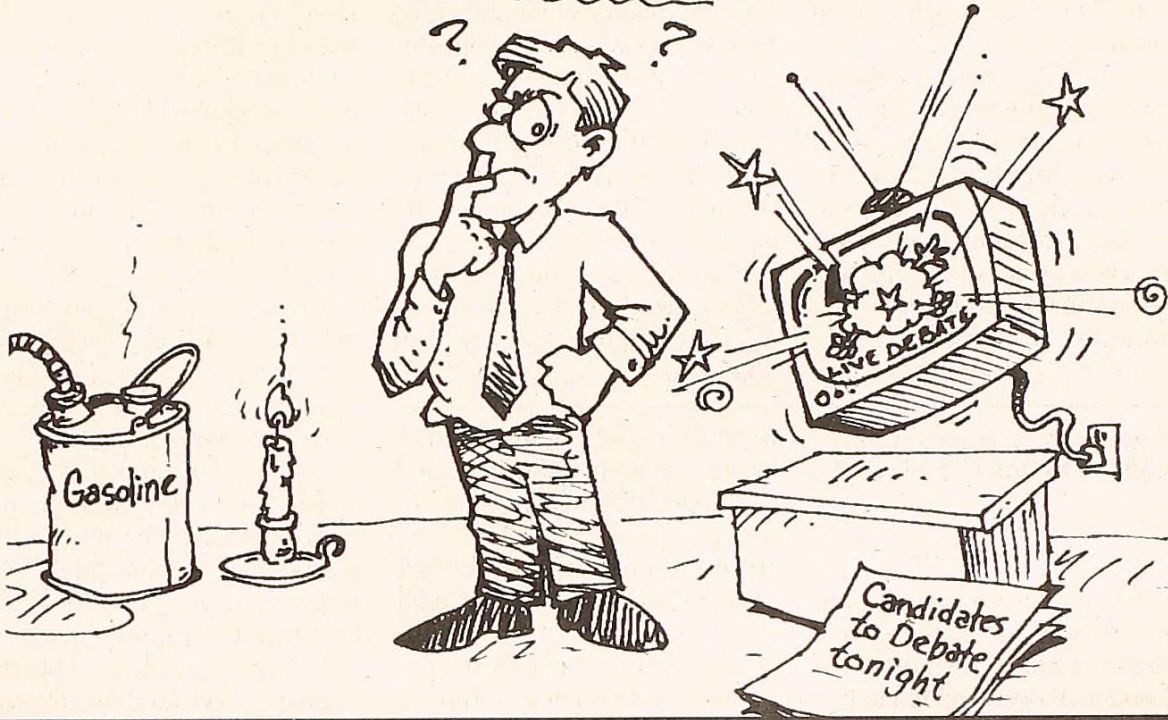
Corriveau is personable, intelligent and familiar with the issues facing the State of Michigan. He has more name recognition now and he's been actively working the campaign trail from Northville down to Wayne. He should give Abbo a run for his money. We liked him for the spot two years ago and, if he faced nearly anyone else this time around he would probably win our endorsement.

Abbo, though, has too strong a background in government service to be ignored.

Abbo has served Northville Township in a variety of capacities. He's been the supervisor for six years, now, and was first elected to the board of trustees 14 years ago, when a major change in township government was needed. A lot has happened in the community since then. Northville Township has consistently seen growth in development and population that has outpaced nearly every other community in Northville Township. Through it all, the board has successfully managed that growth and sought cooperative ventures with develop-

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TRYING TO DECIDE WHICH COMBINATION IS
MORE VOLATILE ...



'When D'Day' finally arrives

"In the end, nothing really matters..."
—Linkin Park

My mouth was dry, my eyes pinched at the corners. My heart pounded in a quick steady rhythm with almost enough force to rattle my shirt.

There were open seats in the hallway on the second floor of the 35th District Court, but I didn't want to sit down. No, I wanted to keep moving; I've felt that way ever since the fateful night two weeks ago when I was arrested for drunken driving. I couldn't sit still. I needed constant motion.

This then, was stress.

It might seem strange that, at 37, I would just now identify these symptoms. I've been through stressful situations before, of course. I've moved across the country with nothing but a loaded up Bronco to my name. I moved back with nothing but a loaded up Escort, which speaks to how well that little adventure turned out. I was in the room when my son, Henry, came screaming into the world. I edit a chain of newspapers—hardly a low-stress occupation.

That's nothing, really. This was the first time I

felt excessive stress, or at least the first time I acknowledged it. And I didn't feel this for myself—my fate most likely had already been sealed—but for my family.

Today was D-Day.

I paced the courthouse hallway, my head a tangle of thoughts.

This is a first time offense, an aberration of behavior. Would that matter?

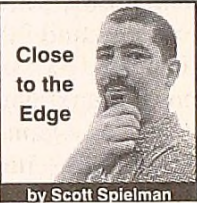
I've learned the lesson. It won't happen again. I'm dedicated to that, already. This wouldn't do anything now but punish my family. Would that matter?

My arguments sounded trite to my own ears. My requests for leniency would probably sound the same as anyone else's. Would my clean record matter?

No.

"One of the purposes of the district court is to distinguish between the people that might just have made a one-time mistake and those that have a string of evil in them, or a real problem," said Judge

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Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

Homecoming — Is it tradition or trite?

Homecoming season is just about over and thankfully so.

The traditional dance with a football game prelude is a grueling time of year for everyone.

Girls stress about whether the right boy will ask them to the dance. Guys hope the girl of their choice will say yes. If not, they hope that their second, or third or fourth choices agree so they don't have to take their friend's little sister.

Teachers have to deal with the weeks of distraction the event causes among the student body. The same goes with the football coaches—who, in my opinion, could care less about homecoming. Parents have to worry about their children and what goes on at the after parties (and they should—but that's a different column for a different day).

Nevertheless, the ball goes on and has for decades.

Although it's hard to determine when the tradition started—either 1908 at the University of Missouri in Columbia Missouri or in 1910 at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign—it is a time to celebrate the community and welcome back alumni and former residents.

Most of all it is a last rite, a final passage of high school seniors as they hopefully set to finish their final year and set off for college. For underclassmen...well, it's just another party.

However, somewhere along the line the tradition has become as paper-thin as that used to make the papier-mâché floats that careen through neighborhood streets in the traditional homecoming parade.

The celebrations among the eight Journal Newspaper communities have just become cookie cutouts of one another—a paint-by-numbers lacking originality and most of all fun. In most districts, homecoming has become, I fear, trite rather than tradition.

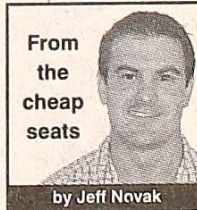
It's business as usual: football game starts, stops at halftime, the band plays (sometimes), the cheerleader, pom or dance squad performs (sometimes), the Queen and sometimes King are crowned and then its back to the game. See ya next year!

Some high schools like Wayne and Romulus had parades—real ones that marched through the city; not like some that only walked around the high school track.

Although some probably found it entertaining to watch Canton devastate Northville, 70-14, in the homecoming game last Friday, one school stood out above all others.

Inkster High School went outside the lines and provided some of the best homecoming entertain-

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From the cheap seats

by Jeff Novak

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House

FROM PAGE 5

ers that have paid off dividends for the township. The amount of available parkland has grown astronomically, the community is growing toward sustainability and the board has put processes in place to ensure a diversified economy.

Abbo can't single-handedly take credit for these achievements—nor does he try to—but he's certainly had a hand in them. In short, he'll leave the township in a better place that it was when he was first elected. That's probably the highest compliment that can be paid to a public official: that he has accom-

plished what he was elected to do.

At a time when legislators claim that term limits have created a lack of experience in Lansing, it's important to send someone who has some firsthand knowledge of the political process.

We do have one concern, however, about Abbo, and that's the limited amount of campaigning he's done in Wayne. We hope this is simply an example of a candidate playing to his strengths and not ignoring this important municipality. We're frankly a little tired of the 'Wayne doesn't matter' philosophy.

This is a time, though, when experience matters and Abbo has more experience. Vote for **Mark Abbo** on Nov. 7.

Homecoming

FROM PAGE 5

ment I've seen in years. The Vikings had a parade that included some of the most original and well-designed floats I've seen in a while. They had a pre-game show with Northern High School band, a half-time show with their own band along with a crowning ceremony. They even had a post-game show starring Shaw High School band.

All three bands put on spectacular shows, especially Inkster who grooved out Michael Jackson's "Thriller" complete with the dance moves. In one word or less it was...fantastic! I wish other high school bands

were that cool. Some need to loosen up their chinstraps and march to different beat once in a while.

The atmosphere at Inkster wasn't stuffy either. In fact, delicious scents of authentic barbecue wafted through it—not microwavable hotdogs and pizza like most other schools.

Most of all the Inkster community treated the day for what it was—a celebration of welcoming back and saying goodbye.

So, my hat goes off to Inkster High School for providing the best homecoming for its community over some of the more affluent schools in the Journal coverage area.

I'll definitely be back in the 'cheap seats' for it again next year.

Sober

FROM PAGE 5

Ron Lowe, who oversaw my hearing.

That being said, the court doesn't really care one way or another. The implied sympathy doesn't extend beyond mere lip service. Don't count on any past good works or Karma to separate you from the afore-mentioned evil-doers or problem people. You will be grouped in with them. You will be characterized as a drunk, suspected of other drug abuse, too. You will walk under this shadow no matter what.

I don't care what your lawyer tells you, you're not going to get off.

Through the rest of that long day, the weight of the sentence pulled me down into a heavy stupor: six months probation, during which time you are not allowed to possess, consume or even be in a place where alcohol sales is the primary source of business; you'll be subject to random drug and breathalyzer tests, too; a restricted license—you can drive to work and back, nothing else; court costs of \$1,070; five days of community service, for which you have to pay \$30 a day. You have to take an alcohol management class, which costs you about \$150, and a victim's impact class, which costs about the same.

That doesn't include the little State of Michigan fundraiser they don't tell you about: the state imposes an 'irresponsible driver's fee' on you that amounts to \$500 a year for two years. It doesn't

include the increase in rates your insurance company will greedily pile on you, either.

More than five hours had passed since I arrived at court. By then, I was not in any mood to be jovial.

I got up as politely as I could—not that that would matter. I

walked as calmly as I could out the door into the bright sunshine, not that my restraint would impress anyone.

I did not, however, discard the long-empty plastic bottle that was once filled with Diet Coke. I kept that half-crushed in my right fist. I was going to need that dime.

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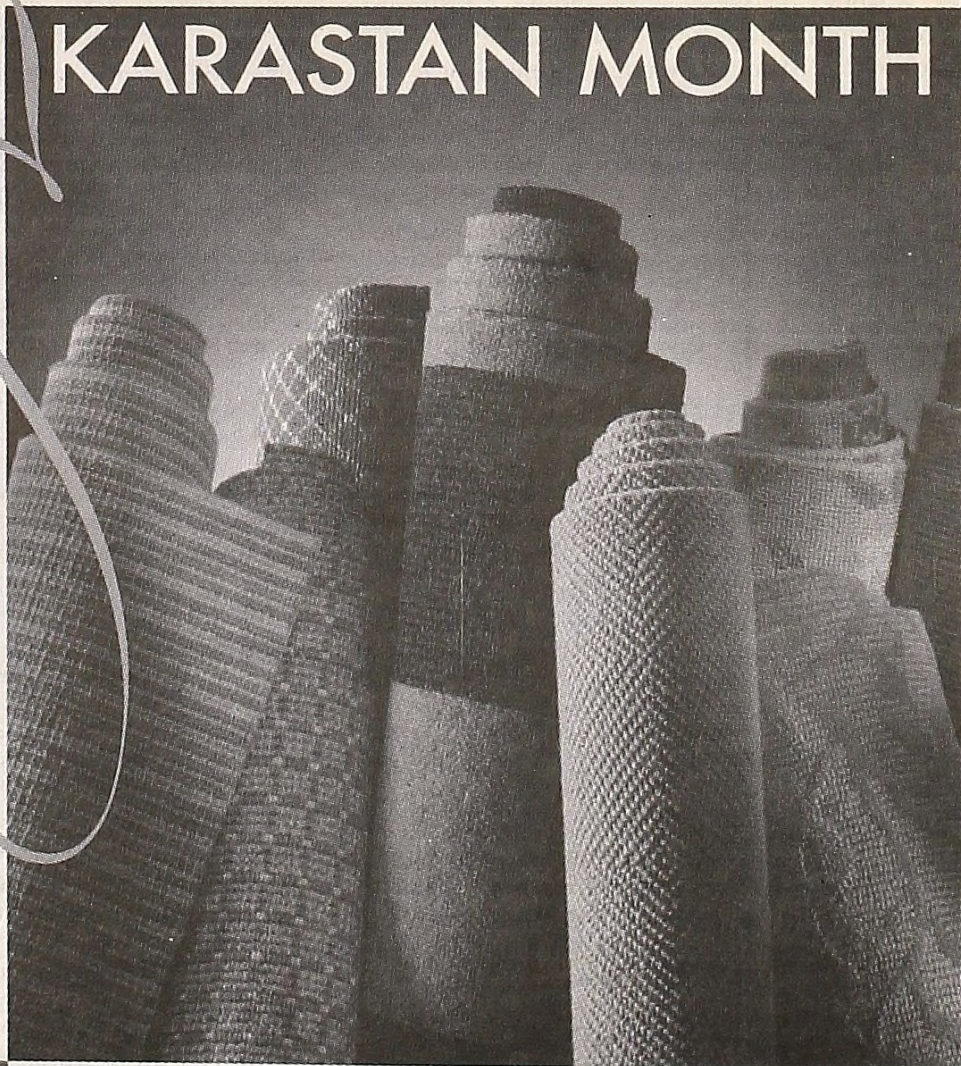
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Schools set parenting expo

Andrea King
Staff Writer

The Van Buren Public School District is providing an educational opportunity for all parents.

On Nov. 18, the district, along with the Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD) western campus will host the second annual Parent Involvement Expo for parents and teachers. The expo will include speakers, contests and more.

The event, located on the WCCCD western campus at 9555 Haggerty Road, will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The event was brought back by popular demand and will offer a free educational opportunity and support for parents, according to Cathy Bandy, co-chair of the parent involvement committee for the school district.

"It's one day where educational resources and support are all under one roof," she said. "People can network, meet other parents and meet other teachers, too."

Bandy said something new this year at the expo will be the teacher breakout sessions, which will cover topics like motivating

students in the classroom and using technology to enhance learning.

"It's also another chance for parents and teachers to share that common interest and grow and develop," she said.

The keynote speaker—Susette Hart—will discuss "The Recipe for Life for Every Child." It will include ways to provide every child with the right ingredients for life by helping them grow up healthy, caring and competent, she said.

Other topics will include: the ABC's of parenting from a doctor's perspective, parenting grandkids, bully proofing your child, violence in the media, positive behavior management, Internet safety, the hows and whys of college, English as a second language, winning the homework wars, unlocking the mystery of adolescent development, dealing with difficult students and nutrition and wellness.

"We look at what topics are relevant for parents and seek out the speakers for them," said Bandy. "For example, a lot of the students in our district are being raised by their grandparents, which is why we have that as one of our breakout sessions. We do a lot of reach-

ing out with the experts and the community."

Rill Currie, career education supervisor for the Van Buren Public School District, said that officials know from research that when a parent is involved in their child's education student achievement goes up.

"Through Title 1 and No Child Left Behind we've determined the need for larger parent involvement in the school district," she said. "The committee thought this day would be helpful for that."

Registration will start at 9 a.m. and childcare and lunch will be available. The parent expo is open to the entire area and participants do not need to be residents of the Van Buren Public School District.

"Parenting is a profession and I wish more people would see it that way," said Bandy. "There's so much information out there it's just a matter of accessing it."

"We hope this will give them more confidence as parents," said Kimberly Nofz, co-chair of the parent involvement committee.

For more information or to register, contact the Parent Involvement Committee at (734) 697-9123 ext.220 or email: alauth@vanburenschools.net.

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CITY OF ROMULUS NOTICE OF Public Hearing and Proposed Program Statement For the FY 2007/2008 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

Pursuant to federal guidelines, the City of Romulus is scheduling a Public Hearing on Monday, November 6, 2006 for the purpose of receiving comments or suggestions regarding projects for the fiscal year 2007/2008 **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) Program**. The CITY OF ROMULUS expects to receive an estimated \$240,000 plus an additional \$30,000 for Housing Rehabilitation.

The primary objectives of the Federal HUD CDBG program are to assist low to moderate income families directly or to provide benefits in areas where 51 % of the residents are low to moderate income, such as replacing the urban infrastructure of streets, improve recreational facilities and programs and assist in meeting special needs of the elderly and physically disabled.

The following projects, subject to the Public Hearing Process, have been proposed and will meet HUD objectives by benefiting low and moderate-income families, preserving deteriorating housing stock and enhancing parks and public facilities.

2007 Proposed Projects

ACTIVITY/Location:	Estimated	*From	
CDBG ALLOCATION		Program Income:	
Senior Services - Citywide		\$30,000	<u>T\$30,000</u>
36525 Bibbins			
Chore/minor home repair services,			
Transportation, education,			
Recreation & staffing			
Senior Center - Partial Bond Payment	\$240,000	\$ 400	<u>T\$240,400</u>
36525 Bibbins, Romulus, MI 48174			
Year FOUR of a ten year pre-commitment			
of the City of Romulus CDBG allocation			
to pay for the \$3.4 mil bonded construction.			
CDBG funds were pre-committed until 2013			
(with an estimated reduced allocation of 5% annually)			

Administration (10%)	\$ 0	T \$0
	\$240,000.00	
	*\$30,400	
Housing Rehabilitation	<u>30,000.00</u>	
TOTAL ESTIMATED Allocation:	<u>\$270,000.00</u>	

IN ADDITION, the city anticipates receiving approximately \$40,000 through repayment of liens/ revolving funds (program income), to be used for senior services, bond payment and emergency housing rehabilitations. The City of Romulus will also apply for an additional \$30,000 to continue the housing rehabilitation program, as indicated above.

All interested parties, organizations, agencies or individuals are invited to submit a "Request for Funding" or comment on the Proposed Projects at, or prior to, the Public Hearing. For further information, contact the Community Development Department, City of Romulus, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174.

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CITY OF ROMULUS APPENDIX A - ZONING AMENDMENT 1.211

An Ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map of the City of Romulus by Rezoning a certain property from RI-B Single Family Residential District to O-1 Office District.

THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS:

SHORT TITLE: This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the Amended Zoning Ordinance.

SECTION 1: To rezone 0.15 acres on the west side of Wayne Road, North of Bibbins Street.
DP# 82-80-077-08-0031-001 and the easterly 20 feet of
DP# 82-80-077-08-0022-000 from R1B Single Family Residential to O-1 Office District.

Legal Description of Parcel

DP# 82-80-077-08-0031-001 and the easterly 20 feet of
DP# 82-80-077-08-0022-000
T3S R9E The Junction Subdivision.

SECTION 2: Severability. Should any word, sentence, phrase or any portion of this ordinance be held in any manner invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction or by any state agency having authority to do so for any reason whatsoever, such holdings shall be construed and limited to such words, sentence, phrase, or any portion of the ordinance held to be so invalid and shall not be construed as effecting the validity of any of the remaining words, sentences, phrases or portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 3: Conflicting Ordinances. All prior existing ordinances adopted by the City of Romulus inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency hereby expressly repealed.

SECTION 4: Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon publication thereof in an official newspaper, which publication shall be made when the minutes passing the ordinance are published subject to revocation at will of the City of Romulus at any time.

ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Romulus this 3rd day of October, 2006.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Ordinance as passed by the City Council of the City of Romulus at a regular Council Meeting held in the City Council Chambers in said City on the 3rd day of October, 2006.

Linda R. Choate
City Clerk

Introduced: September 11, 2006
Adopted: October 3, 2006
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Turn on the TAP

Area Rotary Clubs fund clean water projects in Central America

Kevin Hill
Staff Writer

For Wayne Titus, the numbers are staggering.

"A child dies every 15 seconds," he said. "That's about 20 jumbo jets a day crashing."

Titus, the president of the Northville Rotary Club, was talking about the mortality rate in Central America, where a prevalence of waterborne illness prevents any kind of progress. He's been to Honduras and is traveling back there in November.

"You go there, you learn about the countries, you fall in love with the people that are there—and your heart gets broken," he said. "You can't stand the thought of how these people have to live."

Titus has united with other Rotary presidents in the area to organize The Agua Project, or TAP, which is an effort to supply each home in Honduras and El Salvador with a biological sand filter—a simple, efficient and inexpensive contraption that would provide a family clean water for a lifetime.

"There is water available, at least," said Titus of the areas afflicted. "Now, it's a matter of filtering out the biological agents that make you ill."

The filters are about 35 pounds each, and they don't use

any chemicals or electricity, so they don't need any intensive maintenance. At the top of the sand is a fine layer called the "Schmutzdecke," which consists of bacteria, fungi, and other small biological life forms. Water that passes down through the Schmutzdecke is purified when the bacteria and fungi absorb and metabolize any harmful organic material.

To raise money for the bio-filters, the Rotarians are hosting Bowling For TAP in November. The event will take place on Nov. 11 at the Super Bowl in Canton.

There are several sponsorship levels offered, starting at \$300.

"Part of Rotary's mission statement is that we promote world peace," said Martha Snow, president of Canton Rotary. "The belief is that if people's basic needs are being met, then they will be a more peaceful people."

Titus and Plymouth Rotary President Jan Eisen had already been involved in clean water projects for Honduras and El Salvador. People in those countries just represent a fraction of the 1.1 billion worldwide who don't have access to clean water.

"Once they started talking about it, it was like, 'end of discussion,'" said Greg Greene, president of Livonia A.M. Rotary.

Once, the cost and construc-



Area Rotarians are teaming up with Super Bowl in Canton to aid clean water projects in Central America. From left: Wayne Titus, Greg Greene, Martha Snow, Caleb Ashley, and Jan Eisen. Photo by Ken Garner.

tion of sand filters prohibited any widespread relief efforts. New patents have paved the way to more lightweight versions of the filter, though.

"The idea's been around a long time," said Titus.

Filter projects in Honduras have seen progress, which can be measured by the amount of children making it through school.

"The schools don't thrive because the kids are always sick or pass away before they actually go to school," said Eisen.

The project is a joint venture of the Plymouth, Plymouth A.M., Canton, Northville, Livonia, Livonia A.M., and Fairlane Sunrise clubs.

"Some clubs can do more

because they've got more people, more resources," said Greene. He's one of eight Rotarians that make up the Livonia A.M. club. For the TAP fundraiser, he's one of 250 people who have been finding sponsors, organizing ticket sales and coordinating with the venue.

"There's been a lot of preparation for this event that an eight-person club or a 20-person club couldn't do," said Snow.

Every dollar raised will go toward sand filter projects in Honduras and El Salvador. In certain cases, Rotary District 6400 and Rotary International will provide matching grants.

For more information about Rotary International or TAP, visit

<http://www.rotary6400.org>.

Titus said the cost of a \$25 ticket can buy a sand filter for a family in Central America.

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How to Help

Buy a ticket for Bowling For TAP. \$25 admission includes pizza, bowling shoes and a T-Shirt.

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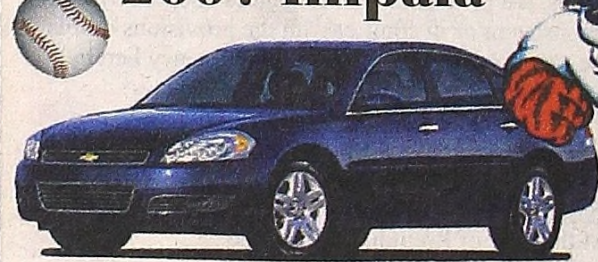
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Man of the Year

Biting satire takes on political system with laughs

Man of the Year may surprise audiences who expect a rollicking comedy.

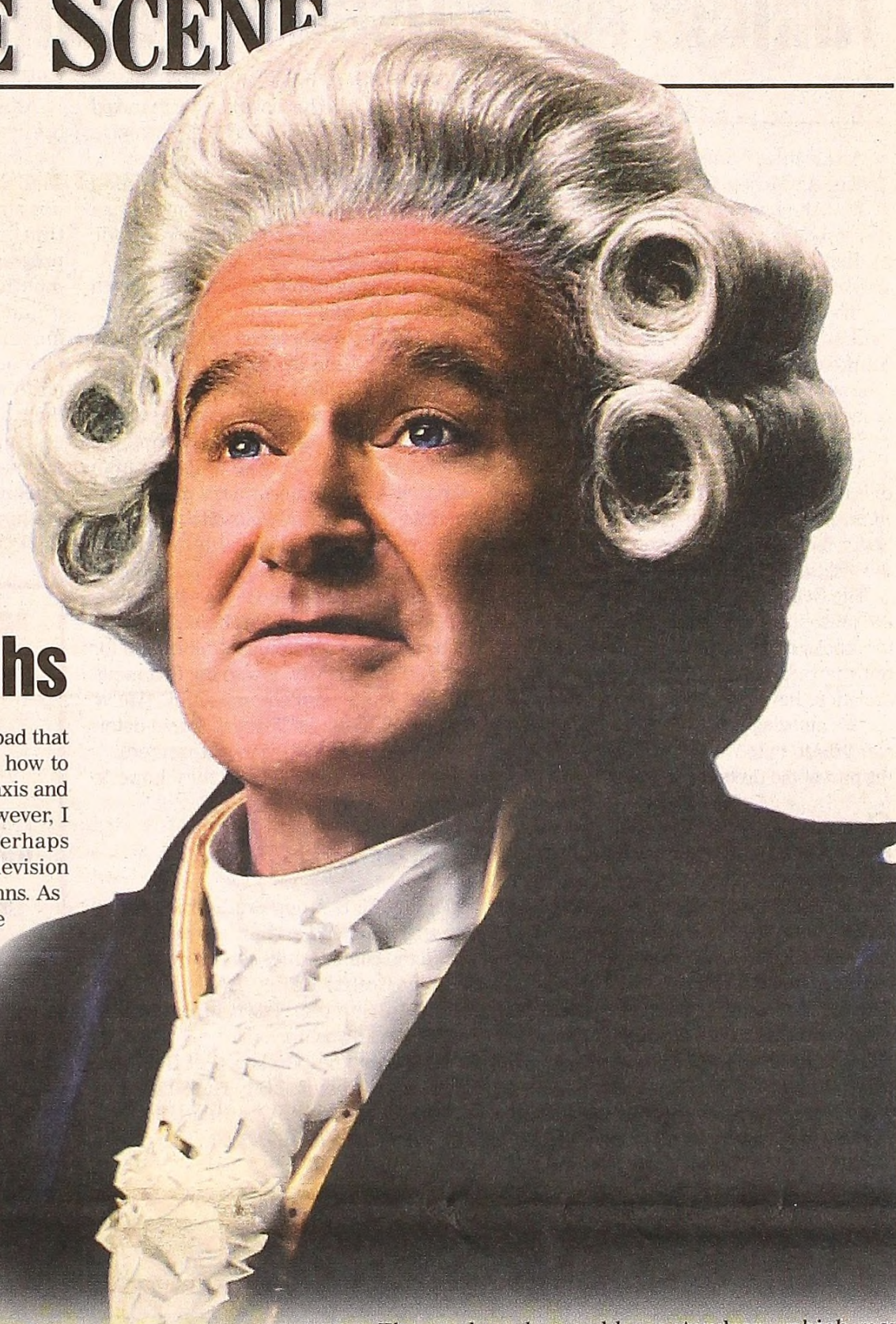
They will get more than they bargain for with this film which is humorous without being quite as laugh-out-loud funny as anticipated. The movie more than made up for that slight surprise, though, with actual depth and an unexpectedly strong plot.

Tom Dobbs (Robin Williams) is a comedian with his own late night talk show that allows him to find humor in the misdeeds, missteps, and general incompetence of some politicians and aspects of the government. During one of his Jon Stewart-like shows, an audience member suggests that Dobbs himself could be just what the American public needs in the Oval Office to eliminate the cronyism, corruption, and overall sliminess in the world of politics.

Dobbs echoes her words, passing the matter off as a joke. That joke, however, refuses to die and a grassroots following is born. Eventually, even Dobbs begins to actually consider the possibility.

There's an old quip generally attributed

to George Burns that says it is too bad that all of the people who really know how to run the country are busy driving taxis and cutting hair. In today's world, however, I believe that the greatest—or perhaps worst—'second guessers' host television shows and write newspaper columns. As individuals caught between the heart and the fringe of the world of politics, such people can see problems with the existing political system others might not notice. It certainly seems to hold true for Dobbs, who has made a living lobbing witty barbs about the foibles of politicians to appreciative audiences, as he decides that rather than simply mock the decisions of others he wants to campaign himself and lead by example to show the world how politics is done.



The only problem is that matters progress beyond simply campaigning and getting his message out there; he actually gets elected and has to take strides into a world he had never seen from that perspective.

The end result is a fun, if occasionally vicious, satire of contemporary politics that should be fairly obvious to anyone who watches the news or reads a newspaper. Is it rocket science? No. We've already seen this, in a more naïve fashion, in films such as *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington* and in even more jaded movies like *Wag the Dog*. It is, however, truly funny as the worlds of Jon Stewart and Jimmy Stewart seem to mesh into a slightly bizarre alternative reality. I'm personally a big fan of Dobbs's call to action that would require all political figures to have the names of their financial backers emblazoned openly on their clothing, NASCAR-style.

At the same time, the movie remains more than slightly unsettling. Dobbs's manager, Jack Menken (Christopher Walken), mentions at one point that the American public will vote for anyone who sounds different from the usual inter-

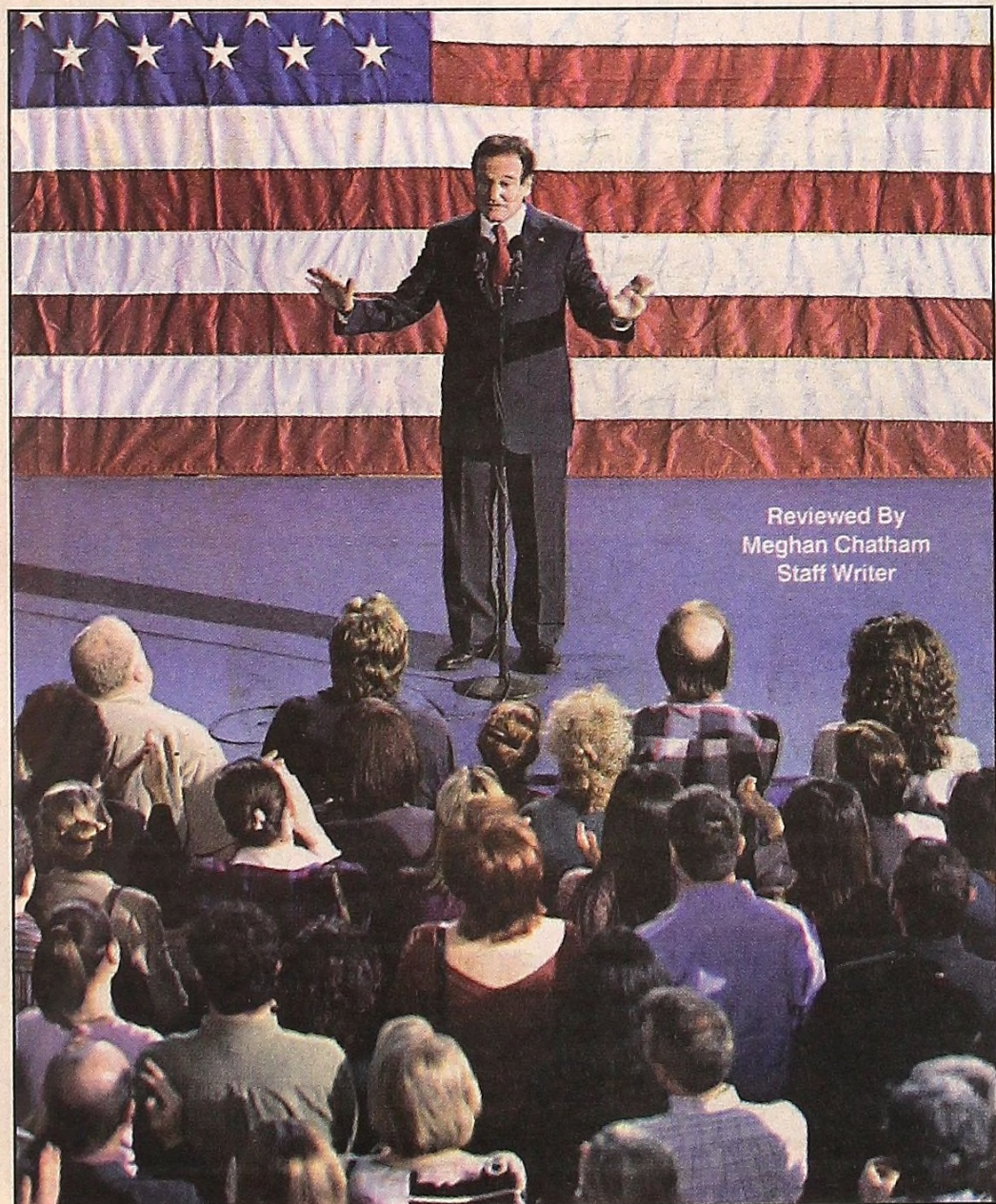
changeable contenders—which may explain Sonny Bono, Jesse Ventura, and Ah-nold.

That is, in fact, where its real power lies. Beneath its gloss of humor, the film touches on several sore spots within American politics. Some of points raised are, if not new, at least well expressed and poignant, including questions of where the lines between political figure and political figurehead are drawn and between the illusions and the reality of power. With a month before the elections, it's a little scary, actually.

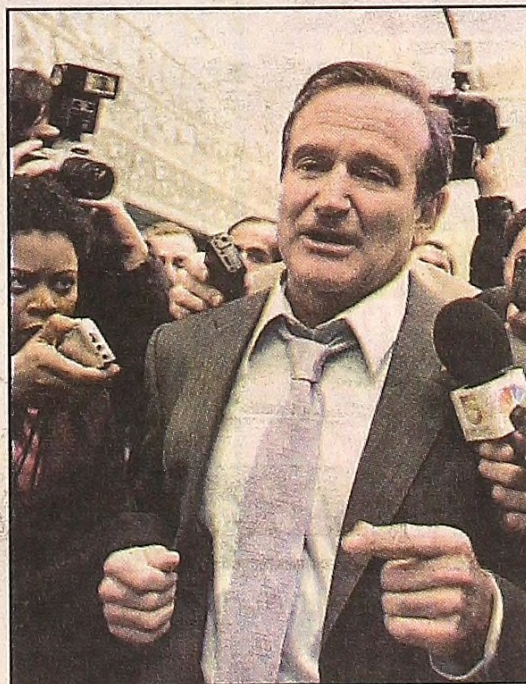
But don't worry. Although the film isn't exactly reticent about expressing its political views, they are tucked in far enough into the storyline that a viewer who simply wants to enjoy the humor

without drowning in deeper meaning should be fine. The depth is there, but that doesn't mean that audiences will need to ponder it.

The well-made film, which is rated PG-13, also stars Laura Linney and Jeff Goldblum. It was produced and directed by Barry Levinson, who has created such films as *Wag the Dog*, *Good Morning Vietnam*, and *Rain Man*.



Reviewed By
Meghan Chatham
Staff Writer



Yankee Air Museum continues fundraising effort

Andrea King
Staff Writer

A sad milestone was marked at the Yankee Air Museum.

It's been two years since the fire nearly destroyed the museum and, instead of celebrating its 25th anniversary, officials said they are 25-years-old, going on 2.

"It's certainly a bittersweet anniversary," said Jon Stevens, vice-president of the Yankee Air Museum in Belleville. "Because of the fire we've had to recreate ourselves and since then we've moved forward quite a bit."

Museum officials, along with their sister organization—the Michigan Aerospace Foundation—are still working to create better facilities and bring more artifacts to the aviation showplace.

The Oct. 9, 2004 fire may have destroyed the museum hangar and thousands of photos, books and World War II memorabilia, but the public has stepped forward and donations have poured in, Stevens said.

"It's amazing how people just said 'what can I do to help?' That's the most rewarding part of the process," he said.

Dick Stewart, president of the Yankee Air Museum, said he looks back with mixed emotions, but he's now looking onward to their next project: the move and restoration of the original Willow Run aviation school house. And the group has more than 3,000 artifacts cataloged and other historic pieces collected, too.

"Even today things are coming in at a fast pace," he said.

The ultimate goal of the group is to generate \$55 million over a 15-year period, which will fund a concept plan that includes a hotel and conference center, a historic airpark, an aerospace library, a restaurant, a theater, an aviation high school, an aircraft hangar, a restoration and operations facility and innovation center.

Dennis Norton, president of the Michigan Aerospace Foundation, said they have collected \$1 million toward that goal.

"Once you do a million the next million is easier. That's a significant milestone for us," said Norton, who is also the first member and founder of the museum. "We've come a long way in 25 years. We're determined to rebuild and we're getting there."

By 2011, Norton added they hope to

have five or six buildings constructed.

Although the museum is not currently open, Stewart said they're hoping to start construction on a visitor center next spring. Until then, the Yankee Air Museum continues aircraft restoration work, area education outreach programs and a monthly movie night. The museum has also been invited to showcase their aircraft at an upcoming memorial dedication in Washington D.C.

"I've been

sworn to secrecy, but we will also have some new things to bring in besides World War II artifacts and airplanes," said Stevens.

The museum, as well as the foundation, continues to welcome any donations.

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Sweetest Day trip is planned

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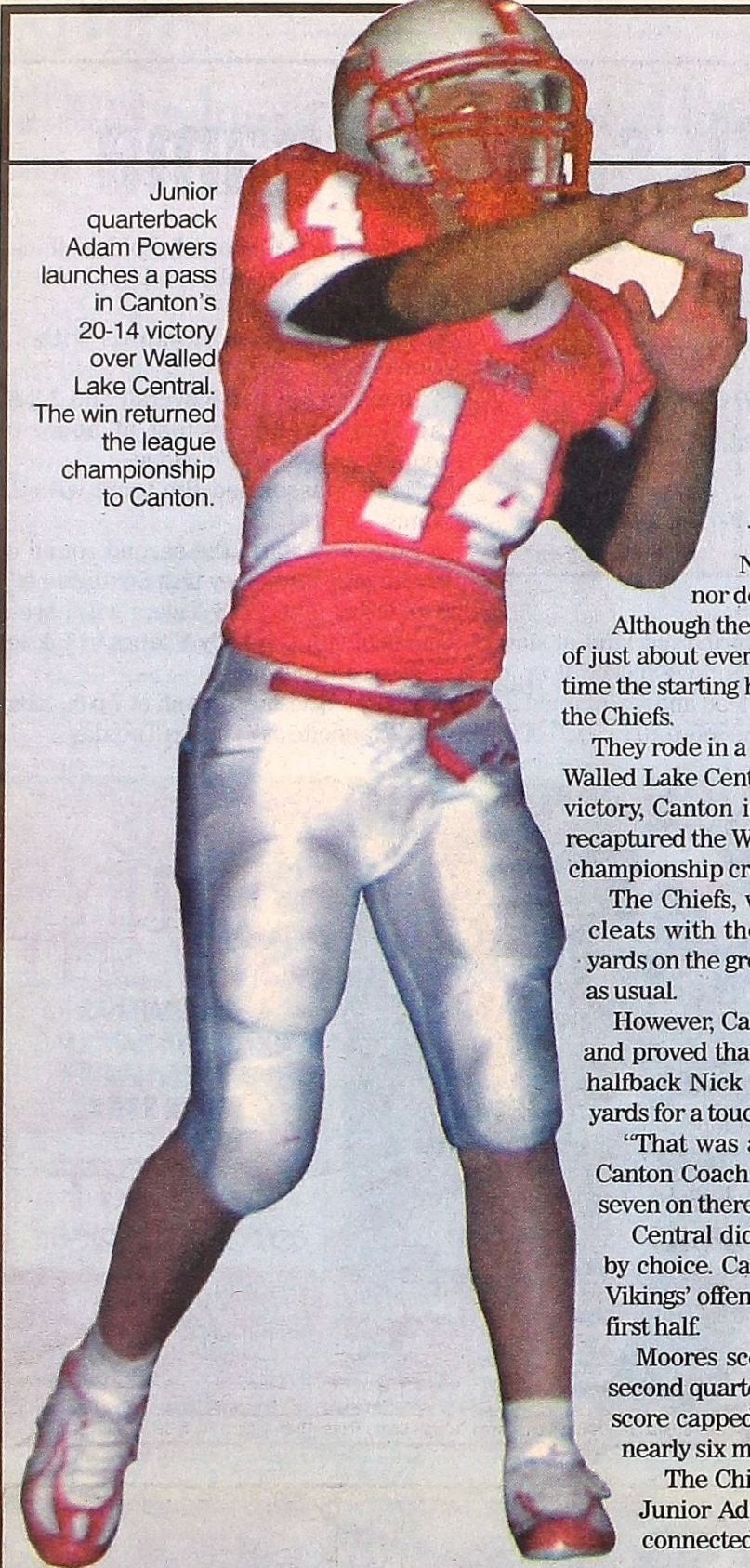


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Junior quarterback Adam Powers launches a pass in Canton's 20-14 victory over Walled Lake Central. The win returned the league championship to Canton.

SPORTS



Conference champs Chief gridders return to top

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Neither rain, nor sleet, nor snow, nor wind, nor dead of night shall deter the Canton Chiefs. Although the blustery weather conditions—a good mix of just about everything—subsided to a simple chill by the time the starting horn sounded, it was business as usual for the Chiefs.

They rode in a on the back of the cold front and defeated Walled Lake Central, 20-14, at home on Thursday. With the victory, Canton is now at 8-0 for the season. The Chiefs recaptured the Western Lakes Activity Association (WLAA) championship crown—its fourth in five years.

The Chiefs, who usually devour the turf under their cleats with their running game, were limited to 140 yards on the ground—still respectable but not the 300 plus as usual.

However, Canton didn't take long to get things rolling and proved that sometimes less is 'Moore's' when senior halfback Nick Moores returned the opening kickoff 80 yards for a touchdown.

"That was a nice way to start in a big game," said Canton Coach Tim Baechler. "It's nice to hang a quick seven on there with out having to do much."

Central didn't have much to do, either, but it wasn't by choice. Canton's defense put a stranglehold on the Vikings' offense and held them to less than 50 yards in first half.

Moores scored again on a four-yard plunge in the second quarter to give the Chiefs a 13-0 advantage. The score capped off a 12-play, 53-yard drive that stripped nearly six minutes off the clock.

The Chiefs plugged away in the second half, too. Junior Adam Powers, the third-string quarterback, connected with senior tight end Brandon Fender

for an eight-yard scoring pass on fourth-and-4 at 11:55 of the fourth. Canton converted two other fourth-downs during the 16-play drive that spanned eight minutes. Moores picked up two yards on a fourth-and-1 and Adams threw a 14-yard strike to senior Chris Woudstra on fourth-and-6.

Central got things going after that.

At 10:07 of the fourth, senior running back Kevin Long broke free for a 41-yard scoring run to make it a 20-6 ball game. Then, with 27 seconds left in the game, junior quarterback Cody Rzeznik scored on a one-yard lunge to close the gap to six points.

Canton recovered the Vikings' onside kick to seal the championship.

"It's very satisfying," Baechler said of his fourth championship in his nine years at Canton's helm. "We won it three years in a row and we felt last year we were the best team but didn't get it done with the guys that we had. Livonia Franklin got it and deserved it and we felt it was ours but there was nothing we could do about it except to try and get it done this year. We've had a lot of injured kids and lot of kids stepped up and did a good enough job to just get it done."

Baechler has had to change the line-up around this year do to some injuries to key players.

Senior running phenom Deshon McClendon has been hampered with ankle and back injuries. Baechler said McClendon did play the whole game on defense but didn't know when he would be ready to resume fullback duties.

Senior quarterback Steve Paye, who took over the position when starter Ben Vaughn went down, could be back in two weeks in time for district play, according to Baechler.

"When somebody else falls, the strength of your team has to get stronger and that's our defense and our (offensive) line, which I thought has taken a few steps forward the last few weeks," Baechler said. "Getting Paye back will help and we

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Inkster beats Romulus in shootout, 52-29

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

just as impressive running the ball.

Junior Mario Crawford led all rushers with 219 yards and two touchdowns. He also opened the second half with an 80-yard kickoff return for a score. Shane Wells had 82 yards on the ground with a 75-yard score.

"I didn't expect for the scoreboard to light up like it did for either side," said Romulus Coach Matt Ladach. "We knew that they had some tremendous athletes. There's no question about that. But we felt that athletically we matched up very well with them. Their offensive line pushed us around more than we thought they would and they got after us and started early."

Inkster jumped ahead with a score on their opening drive. Shavers hit junior receiver Renty Rollins with a 19-yard strike for a touchdown on the fifth play of the game. Inkster forced the Eagles to punt and scored three plays later when Hogue slipped in from four yards out to make it 13-0 with 7:36 left to

Despite the 52-29 final score, the gridiron Mega crossover match between Inkster and Romulus was a fight to the finish.

The Vikings scored two fourth-quarter touchdowns and earned a safety when an Eagles' punt snap rolled out of the end zone to put the game out of reach for host Romulus on Friday night.

The scoreboard lit up early and often when the two teams hit the ground running. They combined for 711 yards rushing in the contest. Inkster gained the advantage with 366 yards and seven touchdowns. Senior back Tim Hogue finished with 146 yards on 17 carries and three scores—including the final two to put the game away. Anre' Goree added 115 with three touchdowns and quarterback Aaron Shavers gained 105 on the ground with a score. Shavers also went 6-for-11 for 92 yards and a touchdown through the air.

Romulus was not as successful in finding the end zone, but

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Districts, Round 1

In the first round of soccer districts on Monday night, Canton (above) defeated visitor Ann Arbor Pioneer, 1-0. Willy Noetzel scored the lone and winning goal for the Chiefs off of a corner kick with about 11:51 left in the first half. Parker Laabs made six saves to record the shutout for Canton. Salem also found a win in Round 1 when it beat Ann Arbor Huron, 1-0, at home. Tom Bennett (left) scored the only goal. Brian Field recorded the shutout for Salem. Photos by Ken Garner

SPORTS

Belleville Lady Tigers win 11th straight game

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Belleville Lady Tigers continue to impress as they oppress opponents on the hardwood.

Led by the dynamic guard duo of Danica Holmes and Taylor Manley, Belleville has won 11 straight for an 11-1 overall record and remains undefeated, 5-0, in the Mega Red.

To get there the Lady Tigers snuck out a 38-31 victory against host Wyandotte on Thursday. Belleville had to rely on defense to get the job done, though.

"We couldn't get anything to fall," said Belleville Coach Kevin Edwards. "The shots weren't going but the girls kept playing tough defense. It was a team effort; someone was always there to make plays."

Defense has been a staple of the team. Belleville has given up less than 40 points per game before the Romulus game last

Tuesday, according to Edwards. The offense has gotten the job done as well, averaging more than 60 before facing Wyandotte.

Belleville took a 17-10 half-time lead. Then the Lady Tigers outscored Wyandotte, 14-11, in the third and added another seven in the fourth for the win.

Manley led with 17 points and 10 rebounds against Wyandotte. Courtney Holland nabbed 11 rebounds in the win and is averaging double figures off of the boards this year.

Edwards relied again on a combination of stout defense and a hefty dose of offense to defeat the Romulus Lady Eagles, 70-47, at home last Tuesday.

Three Tigers ended up in double figures: Manley led all scorers with 33 points; Holmes added 15 and junior Kendall Acho, 12. Holland snagged 15 boards.

Belleville raced ahead 23-9 in the first quarter and outscored Romulus 15-10 in

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Coach Kevin Edwards

the second.

"We actually started out kind of slow," Edwards said. "Then we picked it up on defense and got a lead and maintained it."

The Lady Tigers score 16 in each of the

final two quarters. Romulus picked things up in the second half, scoring 12 and 16 respectively.

Alyssa Long led Romulus with 18 points.

Romulus fell to 5-6 overall and 2-3 in the Red when they lost at home to Southgate, 55-49, on Thursday.

Erika Wasson led the team with 25 points.

Belleville starts the second round of league play when they host Southgate at 7 p.m. today. The Lady Tigers will have a rematch with the Lady Vikings in Inkster at 7 p.m. on Tuesday.

Romulus hosts Ypsilanti at 7 p.m. today and Wyandotte at 7 p.m. on Tuesday.

MORE SCORES

Basketball

John Glenn beat Stevenson, 50-34, last Tuesday. Chanel Payen scored 24 for the Lady Rockets. Glenn went on to lose to Walled Lake Central, 80-41. Roshelle Wardell scored 10 for the Rockets.

Walled Lake Western defeated Wayne, 51-29, last Tuesday. Natassia Goines and Trenia Barbee each scored eight for the Lady Zebras. Wayne also lost to Northville, 61-41, on Thursday. Barbee led Wayne with nine.

If all goes well for either Belleville or

Romulus through districts one of them could face either Canton, Salem or Plymouth—which ever one makes it out of its district competition—in the state championship finale.

Football

Host Dearborn High School shut out Belleville, 28-0, in football on Friday night. The Tigers had a difficult time containing quarterback Anthony Mifsud who completed 14 of 20 passes for 210 yards and two scores. Belleville fell to 2-6 overall and 2-4 in division play.



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SPORTS

Vikes - Inkster tops improved Romulus

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play in the first quarter.

Crawford returned the kickoff 40 yards to Inkster's 45, followed with a 30-yard run to the 15, galloped 11 yards for a first-and-goal from the four and punched it in on the next play to make it a 13-6 game.

Inkster extended its lead to 20-6 when Goree scored on a seven-yard run and senior J.J. Snelling converted the extra point.

Romulus countered with Crawford's 34-yard run. Cedrick Smith's kick was good, making it a seven-point game at the 11:01 mark of the second.

Inkster had an answer for everything, though. Goree scored two more times from five and 11 yards to extend Inkster's lead to 32-13.

Then Wells broke free for his 75-yarder for Romulus. However, that left enough time for Inkster to put together a final drive for the half. The result was a one-yard plunge by Shavers with 36 seconds left to play. The teams went into the half-time break with the Vikes leading, 38-19.

Romulus made some adjustments at half and went from a 4-3 zone coverage to a 5-3 man-to-man that seemed to help in the third. The defense held Inkster scoreless in that round. The Eagles got back in the game when Crawford made his 80-yard return and Smith nailed a 24-yard field goal to make it a 38-29 game.

Inkster Coach Greg Carter made some adjustments and that was all for Romulus. Inkster got the safety sandwiched by two rushing touchdowns (22, 11) by Hogue.

"Romulus is a good program," Carter said. "They play hard. They played really good offense; they had a nice little system against us in the first half with a terrific

tailback. They do a good job coaching; it's a good staff. I look forward to a long, tough rivalry in the future.

"We had to make some adjustments at half time," he added. "(Romulus) made some adjustments on their defensive side. They put a lot of guys in the box and made it difficult for us. Offensively we had to move around a little bit. I think they knew what they were doing and we were kind of stagnant so we had to move off and make some changes and do some things we didn't have to do before.

Inkster's 52 points was the most in Carters two years with the Vikings.

"We needed every one of them because that team could score just as fast we could," he said.

Inkster (7-1) will line up against Grosse Ile at 7 p.m. on Friday before they get ready for the district playoffs next week.

"Hopefully we can continue and be injury free—we've been blessed with that so far," Carter said. "We just have to continue and work hard and get ready. I'm sure in the playoffs, the way it looks, we're going to have to play some tremendous teams so we have to be as good as we can be."

Romulus fell to 5-3 for the season.

"Coach Carter did a great job of adjusting to what we were doing and started a chess game," Ladach said. "And he won."

Romulus hosts Country Day at 7 p.m. on Friday—a must win if the Eagles are to make the playoffs.

"We have to forget about (the loss)," Ladach said. "I feel our guys can match up with anyone we play. I'm going to challenge the team this week to see how they are going to handle adversity because it is hitting us right now.

"I told the guys that it is reality check



Romulus and Inkster battled it out on the gridiron on Friday. Romulus kept it close through three quarters but Inkster pulled ahead with two scores in the fourth quarter for a 52-29 victory.

time. Look yourself in the mirror when you are. If you're not going to be a man you wake up and see what kind of man don't comeback tomorrow."

Offensive leaders

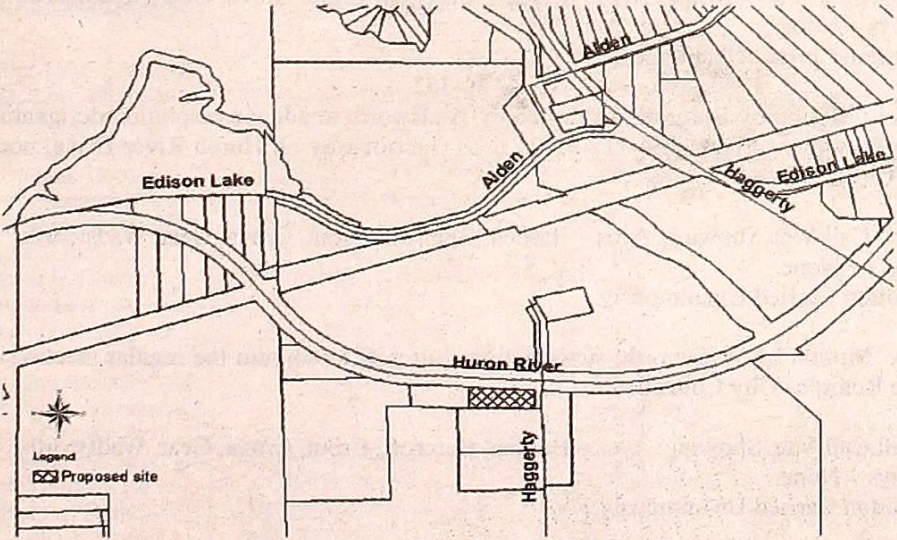
Mario Crawford has 1,103 yards on 105 carries—a 10.5 yard/carry average with 14 touchdowns. He also has one reception for a 40-yard score and 80-yard kickoff return for a score. **Tim Hogue** had racked up 900 yards on 95 carries—a 9.5 yard/carry average with 15 touchdowns. He also had one touchdown reception and two kickoff returns for scores. **Anre' Goree** has 555 yards on 66 carries—a 9.8 yard/carry average with 10 TDs and one reception for a score. **Aaron Shavers** is 41-for-93 (44 percent) for 777 yards and 12 touchdowns with only three interceptions. He has also rushed for 294 yards on 51 carries—a 6.2 average—with three scores.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111 on **Wednesday November 8, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.** to consider a zoning change on the following described property:

Parcel number V125-83-095-01-0231-010 approximately 1.03 acres proposed to be rezoned from C Local Business to C-1 General Business.

A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below.



This property is located on the south side of East Huron River Drive west of Haggerty Road.

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date of November 8, 2006.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services, at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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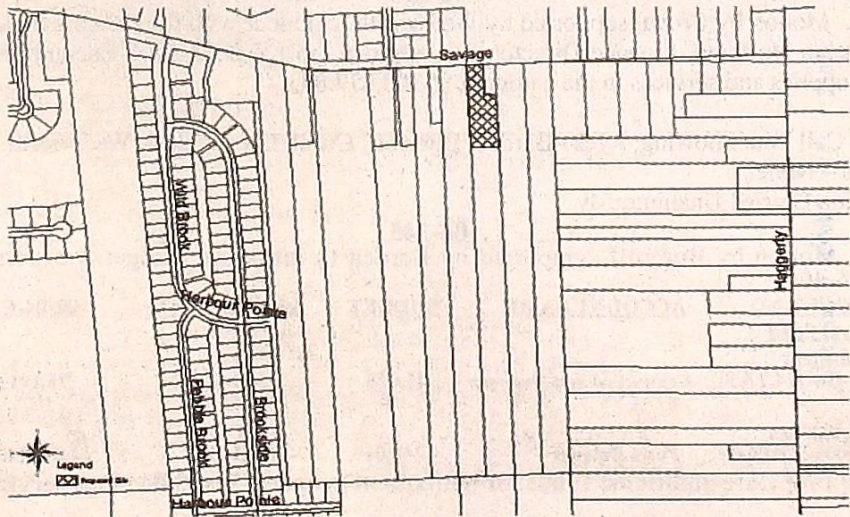
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The Public Hearing relates to the following described property:

Whose legal description is *26V1A* PT OF THE E 1/2 OF SE 1/4 SEC 26 T3S R8E DESC AS BEG N87 16 50W 326.90 FT AND S02 45 16W 200.04 FT FROM THE E 1/4 COR SEC 26 - - TH S02 45 16W 329.1 FT- TH N87 16 50W 163.4 FT- TH N02 45 16E 529.14 FT- TH S87 16 50E 93.40 FT- TH S02 45 16W 200.04 FT- TH S87 16 50E 70 FT TO POB - 1.66 AC - K - 1.59, or more commonly known as 41551 Savage Road.

A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below.



The applicant is requesting Planning Commission approval to construct a pole barn with area that exceeds the maximum permitted by the Township Zoning Ordinance, 06-02-92, as amended by 768 square feet.

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SPORTS

Adidas Jr. Phenom Camp comes to Michigan

For nearly 20 years the name “Adidas” has been associated with hosting the top High School All-Star Camps in the country. Now, Adidas will bring this great tradition to the grass roots level for Junior High School players through the regional qualifier camps and showcases. The Jr. Phenom Camp provides a platform for exposure, highly competitive opponents, fun and a great experience. The event is a regional qualifier for Adidas Jr. Phenom Camp, an “invitation only” national camp held in San Diego, California for the “Top 100” play-

ers in the country entering the 6th, 7th and 8th grades fall 2007. To be considered for the camp, hopefuls must participate in the Michigan Regional Qualifier. Players participate in four games with equal playing time under the leadership of experienced travel team coaches from around the state. An all-star team will be selected for each grade level and they will compete on the final day. Coaches will select the top players to receive invitations to represent Michigan at the Adidas Jr. Phenom Camp in San Diego in August, 2007. The Michigan Regional Camp

will pay the tuition for one player from each grade, three players total, to attend the national camp. This does not include transportation, lodging or food. The Michigan Regional Qualifier was established to give players in Michigan an opportunity to compete against some of the best players in the state, according to Regional Director Tim Webb. Additionally, it provides a barometer for players and parents, to identify areas for development, related to basketball fundamentals, IQ and athletic skills. This event is for upcoming junior level talent, and a

springboard to national exposure, for the select few that receive an invitation to the national camp. Webb said players will benefit from the knowledge and experience of guest speakers, who are subject matter experts. Speakers will address age appropriate topics for student athletes related to skill development, physical training, education and citizenship. **2006 Schedule:**
Boys - \$195
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Location: Oakland University,

Recreation Center
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Girls - \$195
Saturday & Sunday, December 16 & 17th
Location: Pontiac Central High School
330 West Huron Street,
Pontiac, MI 48341
For more information contact Lima Pereira, Regional Director at 248 842-1867 or lima.pereira@comcast.net or Tim Webb, Regional Director at 248 895-5339 or webbfor3@yahoo.com or go to www.miadidasjrcamp.com.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD OCTOBER 2, 2006 IN THE ROMULUS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear.
Present: John Barden, LeRoy Burcroff, Harry Crout, William Crova, Randolph Gear, William Wadsworth.
Excused: Ellen Craig
Officials in Attendance:
Alan Lambert, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
Pamela Morrison/Kersey, CMFA, Treasurer

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to approve the agenda as presented.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes –Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-342
2. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Barden to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held September 25, 2006.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes – Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear.
Nays - None.
Abstain – Wadsworth.
Motion Carried.

3A. Presentation – No Action Taken.
06-343
4A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to adopt a resolution on the retirement of Linda Norman, City of Romulus Senior Services Director.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes –Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Barden to accept the Chairperson’s Report.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes –Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
06-344
5A1. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to concur with the recommendation of Debra Hoffman, Finance Director, and approve the FY 2005/2006 Encumbrances for supplies and services in the amount of \$300,877.88.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes –Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
06-345
5B. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Barden to introduce Budget Amendment 05/06-40:

ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	BUDGET	AMENDMENT	BUDGET
General Fund				
Expenditure				
101-1410-714.77-30	Contractual Svcs-Treasurer	41,048	34,143	75,191
Fund Balance				
101-0000-390.00-00	Fund Balance	1,360,010	(34,143)	1,325,867

To appropriate additional funds for delinquent property tax collections services.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes –Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
06-346
5C. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to concur with the recommendation of Tim Keys, Economic Development Director and authorize the acceptance of dedication of right-of-way for the relocated Wick Road, parcel number 82-80-034-99-0005-705.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes – Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-347
5D. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to concur with the recommendation of Richard Suiter, DPW Director and authorize the City Engineering Firm, Orchard Hiltz & McCliment to complete the Standard Monitoring Plan (SMP) as mandated by the EPA. Maximum project cost is \$7,500.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes – Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
06-348
5E. Motion by Barden, supported by Burcroff to concur with the recommendation of Richard Suiter, DPW Director, and the City Engineering Firm, Orchard Hiltz & McCliment and award the bid for the footing drain disconnects to the lowest qualified bidder, L&H Plumbing Contractors, Inc., in the amount of the \$85,495.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes – Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
06-349
6A1. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to approve second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendments 06/07-01 and 06/07-12 introduced at the Regular City Council Meeting held September 25, 2006.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes – Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
06-350
6A2. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to schedule an Advisory Appointment Committee meeting on October 23, 2006 at 7:00 p.m., for the appointment of two (2) Zoning Board of Appeals member and one (1) alternate member.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes – Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
06-351
6A3. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to approve second reading and final adoption of an amendment to Appendix A- Amendment 1.211, by rezoning 0.15 acres on Wayne Road, north of Bibbins, from R1B Single Family Residential to O-1 Office, introduced at the Regular City Council Meeting held September 11, 2006..

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes – Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
06-352
6A4. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to adopt a resolution designating the City-owned parcel 80-117-99-0029 as right-of-way on Huron River Drive, north of Castle Drive.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes – Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes – Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays – None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Choate, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held October 2, 2006.

Linda R. Choate, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: October 19, 2006

SPORTS

Canton swim team splashes by Livonia Franklin

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Canton Swim team splashed to a win against Franklin High School last Thursday.

Canton won 10 of the 12 events to win the contest, 128-58.

Allison Schmitt (4:56.87) beat out all competitors by more than a minute in the 500-yard freestyle. Teammate Ashley McClellan followed in second (6:00.98).

Schmitt, along with teammates Alyssa Johnson, Maggie Carlson and Laura Landis, placed first (2:00.39) in the 200-yard medley relay. Canton's sec-

ond team of Monica Blaesser, Julie Collins, Maddy McDuff and Paige Solo finished second (2:16.49).

Schmitt, Katie Kubacki, Meghan Sears and Maggie Carlson won the 400-yard freestyle relay with a time of 3:58.23. Courtney Sears, Jessica Bielak, Christine O'Keefe and Jordyn Ward placed third (4:35.54) for Canton in the same event.

McClellan and O'Keefe placed second (2:17.78) and third (2:19.64) respectively in the 200-yard freestyle behind Franklin's Katie Kent (2:14.52).

Alyssa Johnson won the 200-yard IM by five seconds (2:24.99)

over nearest competitor, Franklin's Jordan Haymour. Meghan Sears placed third (2:34.98). Johnson was also on the winning 200-yard freestyle relay with Meghan Sears, Collins and Blaesser (1:53.37). O'Keefe, Courtney Sears, Landis and Britney Sheeler won second (1:59.40) for Canton.

Carlson finished first (28.08) in the 50-yard freestyle followed by her teammate Hannah Maxam (29.15).

Canton won the 100-yard butterfly out right. Landis led the pack (1:07.92), followed by McDuff (1:12.95) and Courtney Sears (1:23.06).

The Lady Chief swimmers

also won the 100-yard Backstroke out right. Kubacki took the top spot in 1:11.05 followed by McDuff (1:14.43) and Louise Kane (1:21.89). Blaesser won the 100-yard breaststroke (1:17.77) ahead of teammate Erika Baker (1:26.75).

Maxam placed second (1:03.53) in the 100-yard freestyle behind Franklin's Kent (1:00.55). Bielak took third (1:05.32).

Chelsea Seldon beat out Franklin's Meghan Powers by almost 15 points in the 1-meter dive competition. She finished with 181.7 finals score.

Canton travels to Wayne at 7 p.m. on Thursday.

Chiefs

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can get Adam (Powers) back over. The big thing is Deshon; he's a game-breaker on offense. Our backs are running hard but we need more of a threat at fullback or start blocking it better."

A winless (as of Thursday) Salem team is the only thing that stands in the way of the Chiefs' perfect season—just one of the team's many goals this season as they try to make it back to the state championship finale.

"First goal is division championship," Baechler said. "Second is league. Third goal is to go 9-0. We have some other goals but we just hope to get healthy so we can try and go make a deep run."

London Knights lance Plymouth Whaler's, 5-2

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Plymouth Whalers lost their first home game in a joust with the London Knights on Saturday.

The 5-2 victory and a 5-4 win against Kitchener improved London to 8-0-0-1—the best record in the Ontario Hockey League (OHL). After an outstanding start to the season the Whalers fall to third place in the West division with a 5-4-0-0 record.

The Knights scored two goals in each of the final two periods

to defeat the Plymouth Whalers.

Plymouth kept pace with the Knights through the first period.

Veteran goal scorer James Neal got things going with his ninth goal of the season at the 4:09 mark of the period. The early lead was extinguished when London's overage player Sergei Kostitsyn—a Montreal Canadiens NHL draft choice—scored at the 13:31 mark.

London pulled away in the second with a power-play goal from rookie Pat Kane just 28 seconds in to the frame. Tony

DeHart, another rookie, scored at the 12:42 mark to make it a 3-1 game. Veteran Adam Perry added the team's fourth goal on a power play at 1:21 of the third and rookie Sam Gagner—the OHL points leader with 31 (7 goals and 24 assists)—made it 5-1 at 6:19 of the session.

Whaler rookie Vern Cooper scored his first of the season at 16:45 of the third to finish the scoring, 5-2.

Steve Mason stopped 29-of-31 Plymouth shots. Michal Neuvirth stopped 25-of-30 shots in goal for Plymouth.

Plymouth also lost to host

Erie, 3-2, on Friday night.

After a scoreless first period Erie went on the board with a score by Ronny Rogers. Plymouth bounced back with two—one from Jared Boll and one from Neal. With 10 seconds left in the period, Ryan O'Marra slipped one by Jeremy Smith, knotting the game, 2-2.

Right-winger Nick Palmieri scored the winner for Erie at 1:33 of the third.

Plymouth is off until 7:20 pm on Thursday when they play in Windsor against the Spitfires. The Whalers are home against Brampton at 7:05 pm on Friday.

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1. Obituaries

NICHOLSON, Edward J., Died October 10, 2006. Beloved husband of Norma A. Dear father of Christopher Donald (Gayle), Rosemary A. (Daniel) Doletsky, Nancy A. (Glen) Kendzior, Barbara S. (Jeffrey) Parkham and the late Mark A. Also survived by 10 grandchildren and 1 sister. Funeral services were held Friday from St. Bernardine Catholic Church. Final arrangements entrusted to L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Inc. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at griffinfuneralhome.com.

CAMERON, Omari Dwight, 28, of Inkster, died August 9, 2006. His survivors are his son, Daylen Omari Cameron; the love of his life, Emekia Warner; his mother, Loretta Flake; step-father, Charles Flake; father, Dwight Cameron; three brothers, Michael, Armen and Delmas; two sisters, Kaquana and Breanna; grandmother, Annabell Cameron; six

uncles, John Crawford, William, Jr., Vernon Crawford, Marvin Lenton Newson and Danny Cameron; and two aunts, Brenda Smith and Deborah Crawford. Services were held at Pentecostal Temple C.O.G.I.C. Church, Bishop Isaac King, Jr., officiated. Interment was at United Memorial Gardens. Arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home & Son.

HARGROVE, Elder Albert L., 69, of Detroit, died October 1, 2006. His survivors are his wife, Wilma; 9 sons, Albert Chapman, Jerome Lowe, Donald Lowe, Sr., Albert Lowe, Jonathan Lowe, Michael Hargrove, Juan Hargrove, Charles Hargrove, Sr. and Timothy Hargrove; three daughters, Cheryl McKinnon, Velma Hargrove and Albertina Hargrove; 5 brothers, Prentiss, Percy, David, Rev. Billy Hall and Deacon Willie Hargrove; 51 grandchildren and 75 great-grandchildren. Services were held at Faith

Outreach Ministries Church, Bishop James & Jacqueline Smith officiated. Interment was at Knollwood Cemetery. Arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home and Son.

TAYLOR, Raymond Walter, age 64 of Wayne, died September 14, 2006. Beloved husband of Diane. Dear father of Charles (Robin). Son of Dolores and the late Troy. Grandfather of Troy Robert. Also survived by 5 sisters. Family and friends gathered at the Uht Funeral Home to remember Raymond. Cremation rites were accorded. Please visit and post a tribute at www.uhtfuneralhome.com.

WILLIAMS, Barbara Lee, 72, died September 25, 2006. Her survivors are five daughters, Carol Singleton, Debra Williams, Cynthia Williams, Patricia Hulk and Rhonda Williams; 13 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; one sister-in-law, Elaine Cox;

three uncles, William Golden, Archie Coleman and Artis Godette; two aunts, Marion Smith and Ruth Spike; two nephews, Darryl and Eddie, III; four nieces, Donna, Cheryl, Niece and Futema; and two first cousins, Sharon and Derwyn Colden. Services were held at the Penn Funeral Home. Rev. Arthur Willis officiated. Interment was at Knollwood Cemetery.

STANTON, Louise B., age 67, of Romulus, died October 11, 2006. Beloved wife of the late Bruce. Dearest mother of Bruce Stanton II, Marieta (Doug) Bedell, Deborah (Bruce) Smith, Suzanne (Tracy) Schaf and Theresa (Daniel) DuFore. Loving grandmother of Timothy, Ashley, Jessica and Stephanie. Dear sister of Marilyn (Joe) Waldenmeyer. She will be greatly missed by her canine friends, Buddy and Buffy. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother. Funeral services were held at Michigan Memorial Funeral

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And the winner is... Rustic Chef trophy goes to amateur team

It was the slaw. Yep, no fancy marinade, no terrific dessert, no complicated, outrageous, time consuming, exotic recipe. A simple slaw was the deciding factor in awarding the Golden Skillet at the final Maybury Farm Rustic Chef competition to amateur chefs Ray Quatrochi and Bill Schlander.

The contestants brought their own cheering section and a wealth of talent and skill to the event. Judges Maureen Peters, Chef Frank Agostini from E.G. Nick's in Plymouth and Susan Willett were hard pressed to choose from the entries.

Early that morning, Quatrochi and Schlander, along with Robert Costanza and Gordon Martin from Station 885 in Plymouth and another pair of amateurs, Chris McCormick and Dave Anger (aka The Grillmeisters), received a cooler of ingredients from which they had to prepare a meal on a small charcoal grill. Event sponsor Meijer allowed each team to spend an additional \$50 for ingredients for the meal which had to be served at 2 p.m.

Among the foods provided for the challenge were an eggplant, cashews, mandarin oranges, redskin potatoes, a hardboiled egg, chicken breasts, chipotle sauce, crackers, Boursin cheese and 1/2 head of red cabbage.

The eggplant prepared by Costanza and Martin amazed the judges—they sliced it, stuffed it with the cheese and spices, breaded it and presented it crispy and flavorful.

And not to be outdone, McCormick and Anger chopped the chicken into a fine dice, added diced chicken livers, spices, onion and wrapped the mixture in puff pastry garnished with a chutney made from the mandarin oranges.

The judges swooned. These three teams were the best of the best who competed in semi final events at the farm during the summer.

The winning recipes follow. Enjoy.

Mashed Potato Stuffed Mini Pumpkin

- For the pumpkins:
- 4 mini pumpkins (about the size of a tennis ball)
 - olive oil
 - pinch of salt, pepper, and pumpkin pie spice
1. Cut off tops of pumpkins and scoop out seeds
 2. Brush inside of pumpkins with olive oil
 3. Season inside of pumpkins with salt, pepper, and pumpkin pie spice
 4. Place tops back on pumpkins and cook on indirect heat of a medium temperature grill for about 45 minutes or until soft but still firm.

- For the mashed potato filling:
- 3 redskin potatoes
 - 2 small sweet potatoes
 - Olive oil
 - 1/2 cup apple cider
 - 1 tablespoon mandarin orange juice
 - 1 tablespoon of finely chopped mandarin orange
 - 1/2 cup half and half
 - 2 tablespoons butter
 - 1/2 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
 - pinch of salt and pepper

1. Dice both types of potatoes to a small dice and put into a bowl.
2. Drizzle the potato with olive oil, add salt and pepper, and mix.
3. Place potato mixture in heavy duty foil and seal.
4. Place on direct medium heat a turn packet every few minutes.
5. Potatoes are done when soft.
6. When potatoes are done put them into a mixing bowl and add salt, pepper, pumpkin pie spice, butter, cider, half and half, mandarin orange juice, mandarin oranges.
7. Mash all the ingredients together, adding additional butter and/or half and half to achieve desired consistency.
8. Fill pumpkins with the mashed potato mixture and serve.

Butternut Squash Shooter

- 1 container of Campbell's Select Butternut Squash Soup
- 3/4 cup apple cider
- 1 tablespoon mandarin orange juice
- 1/2 to 1 teaspoon adobo sauce from chipotle peppers
- 1/2 cup cream
- 1/2 teaspoon of pumpkin pie spice

- Crushed cashews
Salt and pepper
1. Empty soup into sauce pan.
 2. Add additional ingredients and heat.
 3. Spoon into shot glasses, sprinkle top with cashews and serve with water cracker.

Grilled Eggplant Rolls with Boursin Cheese

- 1 Globe Eggplant
 - 1 package of Boursin Cheese
 - Olive oil
 - Salt and Pepper
1. Slice eggplant into 3/8 inch strips.
 2. Brush both sides with olive oil
 3. Sprinkle both sides with salt and Pepper
 4. Grill until soft.
 5. Take off grill and spread a thin layer of cheese on top and roll from the wide end to the narrow end.

Red Cabbage Slaw

- 1/4 Head Red Cabbage Chopped
 - 1/4 Red Onion diced
 - 1 Golden Delicious Apple diced
 - 1 Package Ramen Noodles
 - 2 Tablespoons Butter
 - 1/2 Bottle Golding Farms Applelicious Vinaigrette
1. Melt butter in skillet.
 2. Crumble ramen noodles into skillet with butter.
 3. Sauté noodles to golden brown and set aside.
 4. Put all remaining ingredients in a bowl and mix.
 5. Set in refrigerator for about an hour to allow the flavors to come together.
 6. Just before serving add noodles to bowl and mix.

Grilled Chicken Skewers

- 3 to 4 skinless and boneless chicken breasts
- 1 bottle Golding Farms Applelicious Vinaigrette
- 1 package Callison's Honey Bourbon skewers
- 2 cups apple cider
- salt and pepper

1. Cut chicken into large chunks.
2. Place in bowl.

3. Season with salt and pepper.
4. Pour vinaigrette over chicken and mix.
5. Marinate chicken for at least an hour.
6. Soak skewers in cider for at least 15 minutes.
7. Place chicken on skewers and grill until instant read thermometer reads 160 degrees.

Chicken in puff pastry on the grill

- 3 single chicken breasts
- 1 small container of Boursin cheese (3 to 4 oz)
- 1/4 cup chicken livers
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- butter
- flour
- 1 or 2 eggs
- 1 or 2 packets of frozen puff pastry dough
- 1 small can of spinach
- half and half
- salt and pepper
- Chicken gravy
- 1 small can of peas and carrots

Thaw puff pastry dough, flour and roll out to add about 1/3 more to size. Cut sheets in half and set aside. Season chicken breasts with salt and pepper and grill until done. Rough chop into about 1 inch pieces. Sauté chicken livers and onions with 1 Tbls. of butter until livers are done and onions are opaque. Mix chicken, chicken livers, onions, 1/2 cup spinach and cheese until combined. Salt and pepper to taste and pour in half and half to make mixture smoother but not runny.

When prep work is complete on chicken mixture, place a few table spoons on half of pastry sheet, wet edges and fold other half of pastry over the mixture and crimp edges with fingers or fork. Brush on egg wash and place on greased cookie sheet. Cook on grill about medium high until puff pastry is done or place in oven at 350 for 35 to 45 min. Watch to avoid burning.

Heat gravy with peas and carrots and pour over hot puff pastry when served. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

Note: This recipe is very versatile and can be changed and added to based on personal tastes. The use of fresh herbs, such as tarragon, rosemary or basil will enhance and change the flavor. The chicken livers are optional and the cheese can be selected as one prefers. As an example, cream cheese, Swiss, parmesan or a combination thereof is a tasty addition. Also, chicken thighs can be used for a richer taste.



Gordon Martin, from left, Frank Agostini, Robert Costanza, Ray Quatrochi, Susan Willett, Bill Schlander, Maureen Peters, Shari Peters, Dave Anger and Chris McCormick gathered for a photo after Quatrochi and Schlander were awarded the coveted Golden Skillet at the final Rustic Chef competition at Maybury Farm.



Ray Quatrochi and Bill Schlander pulled out all the stops with their award winning entry during the competition.



Chris McCormick explains some of the fine points of The Grillmeisters' entry to the judges.

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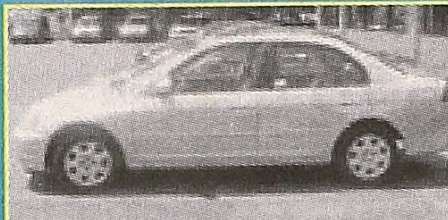
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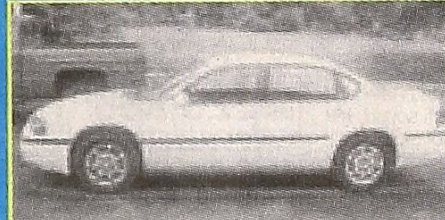
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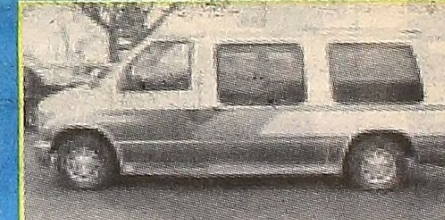
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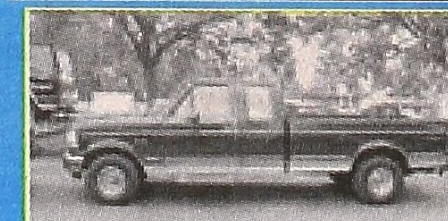
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